



# Home Improvement: Spring 2021

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# ‘Prep work is the key to success’

To enjoy a refinished deck this summer, put in the time to do the job right, expert says

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As the snow melted from decks in Hoosier backyards, homeowners’ thoughts probably turned to barbecues and evenings under the stars, but some may have noticed that the outdoor gathering space off the patio door was looking a little worn.

A fresh coat of stain or wood sealer can spruce up the weathered boards of a home’s deck nicely, but Anita Schetzlsle, the manager of the Sherwin Williams store in downtown Peru, says homeowners shouldn’t rush right into.

“Staining is a little different than painting,” Schetzlsle said. “Prep work is the key to success, especially when it comes to decks.”

She said experts estimate that 90 percent of deck coating failures happen because of improper or incomplete prep work.

The first step in the process is to determine if the deck has been stained or treated before.

If not, Schetzlsle recommends letting those new boards weather at least a season to let the wood grain open up and be able to accept the finishing product once it is applied.

Once that season is past, the deck still needs to be properly cleaned before a coating is applied.

If the deck has been stained or treated before, but is due for a new coat, the best thing is to get rid of what is already there.

“Our recommendation is going to be to take it off,” Schetzlsle said.

Many popular manufac-

turers like Cabot Stains or Olympic offer products for such a job. At Sherwin Williams it can be done with the company’s SuperDeck Stain & Sealer Remover.

After following the directions on the packaging, the next step is to apply the SuperDeck Revive product which “neutralizes” the surface of the wood after the remover has been used.

Then don’t do anything, at least for a while.

“Let it dry out in the sun for a couple of days at least before you apply the new coating,” Schetzlsle said.

If a finish product hasn’t been chosen, one can be selected during the drying-out period.

Choices range from a simple clear sealer to solid color stains. A clear sealer simply protects the wood with no pigment included. A transparent stain includes some light pigment but allows the wood’s texture and grain through. A semi-transparent stain includes richer pigment but still allows the wood’s grain and texture to show through. Beyond that there are semi-solid stains that are heavily pigmented and allow only some of the wood grain to show through or solid color stains that hide the grain but still allow the texture of the wood through.

Although the more solid stains offer some additional protection from the sun’s rays, no product is necessarily better than the other.

“It really is just personal preference,” Schetzlsle said.

Once selected, the coating needs to be applied, and Schetzlsle recommends resisting the urge to simply roll the product on and walk away.



Photo contributed by Sherwin Williams

Rolling deck stains is OK but the product should still be worked in with a brush.



A display at the Sherwin Williams store in Peru shows the choices homeowners have for finishing their wooden decks.



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Products for cleaning and preparing, as well as for refinishing, wooden decks sit on a display at the Sherwin Williams store in Peru.

Because deck products are stains rather than top coats like paint, they benefit from being worked into the wood.

“Instead of just rolling it out you want to push it down into the grain,” she said.

That means rolling it on is OK to get the product onto the surface, but homeowners really should follow be-

hind with a brush to make sure it is properly applied.

Sherwin Williams’ website offers a few other tips as well:

■ Before applying stain, make sure your deck has been cleaned properly. Sprinkle some water on the deck. If the droplets sink in, the wood is ready to be stained.

■ For best results, avoid staining at midday or in direct sunlight. If a second coat is required, wait four hours between applications.

■ Depending on temperature and humidity, allow 24 – 48 hours of dry time before using your restored deck or porch.

Once the project is done the deck will look refreshed.

How long?

Hard to say, according to Schetzlsle. Decks take a lot of abuse and how long the coating will stay looking new depends on too many factors, including which direction a deck faces, how much sun or shade it gets and just how harsh the weather is over a given period of time.

## Low-maintenance alternatives to traditional grass lawns

By METROCREATIVE

A traditional lawn may not be right for every property nor desired by every homeowner. There is no denying that lawns take time and effort to establish and daily or weekly maintenance to thrive. Homeowners who find that a traditional lawn is not practical can explore some low-maintenance alternatives.

**Wildflower meadow**

Homeowners with wide swaths of property may discover meadows are cost- and time-efficient. Stores sell special wildflower meadow mixes of seeds or homeowners can use wildflower plug plants throughout areas where grasses are left to grow longer. This natural area can be a home to wildlife and an idyllic backdrop to a home. Most meadows only require a spring or summer and autumn cut to thrive and look good.

**Ornamental grasses**

Partition areas of the property for ornamental grasses to grow. The gardening resource Elemental Green says ornamental grasses tend to be drought-resistant and low-maintenance. They won’t need much fertilizer and are often resistant to pests as well. Ornamental grasses grow in tufts or sprays and will not require mowing. However, they are not ideal for areas that get foot traffic.

**Moss**

Moss can thrive in shady areas and ones where the soil tends to stay a bit damp. Moss is velvety soft and green, so it can mimic the look of a traditional lawn but won’t require mowing and other upkeep. Because it spreads quickly, moss can take over quite rapidly. You will need to protect areas where you do not want moss by creating barriers to stop spread.

**Gravel**

Stone and gravel areas can reduce maintenance in the landscape and require very little upkeep. When gravel is installed correctly, weeds may not grow readily. Gravel installation may include laying heavy-duty, semi-permeable landscape fabric, which is available in home improvement centers. Gravel is cheaper than pavers and can be just as beautiful.

**Artificial turf**

If the desired look is a lawn without all the upkeep, there are various artificial grass options on the market. Homeowners who opt for artificial turf can save money and space devoted to lawn mowers and other lawn tools.

Grass may be ideal for some, but there are alternatives for people who have troublesome landscapes or desire a low-maintenance product for their homes.



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# Keeping cool while saving money

Experts give tips on how to keep your air conditioning unit working at its best during hot summer months

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Indiana summers can get hot and muggy, and another one is right around the corner. Hoosiers know both the importance and relief that a properly-working air conditioning unit and smooth-operating HVAC system can provide to a home.

Ideally, heating and cooling systems should be checked annually, experts say, to avoid issues. An annual check from heating and cooling experts like Albaugh can both save money in the long-run for consumers and help them avoid costly breakdowns that can leave them without air-conditioning.

“Your HVAC system should be serviced once a year to maintain proper efficiencies,” Andrew Albaugh, of Albaugh Heating & Cooling in Frankfort, said. “For air conditioning, it should be in the spring or summer, and it should be done around the same time each year.”

In addition to surprising breakdowns, operating without an annual check-up can eventually lead to performance dwindling and energy costs rising.

“By keeping (HVAC) checked up and serviced,

you keep everything working at the performance it was when it was new,” Albaugh said. “It lets you save on your utility bill and the cost of maintenance during the heating and cooling seasons.”

A check-up can also reveal that cheaper, less-expensive parts are causing problems instead of more expensive parts.

“We check everything to make sure there’s not something small, like a weak capacitor, for example, that’s causing a motor to fail. That’s a lot less expensive item than replacing a motor,” Albaugh said.

A study from Warner Service, an HVAC maintenance company, found that only 42 percent of homeowners have a professional perform routine maintenance, and air conditioners that undergo regular maintenance last 40 percent longer.

Albaugh estimates that a properly installed and maintained unit can last up to 25 years, but that the average unit he sees in the area only lasts around 10 to 15.

In addition to routine maintenance, there are multiple ways area homeowners can ensure lower energy costs and an efficient air conditioner during the summer months.

During hot summer days, HVAC units are taxed more and each component wears faster. Keeping the system clean and free of debris can allow for a smoother and quieter system.

Albaugh said that homeowners should ensure there’s

optimum space around the outside unit and that surrounding it with a fence or shrubs can increase the workload for the outside unit. He also advised blowing grass clippings away from the outdoor unit when mowing in the summer.

In terms of the interior systems, keeping a clean filter can help homeowners avoid an unnecessary service call.

Cleaning the small drain pipe that clears moisture from HVAC units can also help in avoiding problems or emergency service.

The Refrigeration School Inc, a trade school, recommends installing a smart thermostat, such as a Nest Thermostat.

An article on the school’s website entitled, “Air Conditioning Tips for Summer to Keep Cool and Cut Down on Costs,” stated that a smart thermostat can save consumers, on average, \$131-145 a year.

Dialing the temperature back is also a way of saving money. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends setting thermostats at 78 degrees Fahrenheit.

Either way, yearly checks are the most important forms of maintenance.

“If someone doesn’t have a good, trustworthy, local contractor, I’d suggest they find one in their area,” Albaugh said. “Try to find a trusted HVAC company, and have their units serviced. It’s best to have the same company year after year since they’ll have more familiarity with the system and your home.”



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## The average timelines for popular renovation projects

By METROCREATIVE

Home renovation projects are significant undertakings. Working with skilled and experienced contractors can ensure projects go smoothly and are completed promptly. Timing is a big consideration for homeowners as they begin renovating their homes, and the home improvement experts at HomeAdvisor note that the following are some general timelines for popular renovation projects.

■ **Home addition:** Short of a full-scale demolition and rebuild, home additions are the most time-consuming projects homeowners can undertake. HomeAdvisor notes that its survey of customers who recently completed home addition projects reported that the average time from start to finish was between three and four months. Certain variables, including the scale of the project and the local permits process, can extend the time it takes to complete a home addition.

■ **Kitchen remodel:** Scale is a big factor to consider when estimating the time it takes to complete various home improvement projects, and kitchen remodels are no exception. Some HomeAdvisor users reported projects

taking as long as four months, though the average time reported was roughly six weeks. Projects that require major overhauls like rearranging the plumbing and moving walls will likely take longer than more cosmetic projects.

■ **Bathroom remodel:** More than 1,000 homeowners surveyed by HomeAdvisor reported that bathroom remodels took about 4.5 weeks

from start to finish. Small-scale remodels that focus on painting the walls a fresh color and replacing existing tiles can be completed in less than two weeks. But remodels that involve replacing plumbing fixtures and removing walls figure to take much longer.

■ **Siding installation:** HomeAdvisor users report that new siding projects take roughly two weeks from start

to finish. That estimate is the same regardless of which materials homeowners are replacing and installing.

■ **Replacement windows:** Homeowners who want to replace all the windows in

their home can expect such a project to take roughly three weeks. HomeAdvisor notes that such a timeline need not concern homeowners worried that they will be forced to brave the elements during the

length of the project. Much of a contractors’ time during a window replacement project will be spent on upfront measuring and then ensuring a tight fit once the windows have been installed.

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# Making the right investment to stay cool

Local pool experts provide tips and tricks on choosing between pools, spas and hot tubs

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Pools, spas and hot tubs are big investments. If you're considering getting one this summer, here's what you need to know.

While in-ground pools come with a higher price tag, they can add significant value to a home, unlike less-permanent options.

If you're not too concerned about raising your home's price tag, local experts say you can get the same benefits as a fancy in-ground pool with a fraction of the cost.

### How much does it cost?

Costs are as diverse as the pools themselves. The following numbers are provided to give a ballpark range of prices, but the exact numbers will vary widely based on location, retailer, quality and amenities.

Spas and hot tubs can cost from \$3,000 – \$15,000, depending on size and quality.

Top of the line above ground pools can typically go over \$10,000, but there are cheaper options, like inflatables, that can be purchased for a few hundred bucks.

An in-ground pool will be at least \$30,000, and depending on the type of surface you buy and how large you go, they can cost upwards of \$100,000.

Installation or repairs will be somewhere in the \$200-\$500 range.

Combined costs of electricity, water, chemicals and maintenance will usually take a few hundred dollars a year.



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### How do you maintain a pool/spa?

Maintenance is “really quite easy,” according to Kathy Jackson, who operates Water World alongside her husband. They have a shop in Marion and one in Huntington, and were more than happy to provide some tips on keeping your water crystal clear.

The simplest solution is to keep up with your chemicals. Check alkalinity, pH and chlorine on a weekly basis. Other chemicals are responsible for killing bac-

teria and negating chlorine side-effects – Water World sells dispensers which only have to be replaced every four months, and algaecide chemicals which last for 3 months.

But some types of pools have their own unique considerations. For example, you have to make sure the water in an above-ground pool never falls below a certain threshold, or the walls may cave in.

And of course, you should never, ever, EVER let your pool or spa freeze over during winter. This can lead

to broken lines and damaged equipment, which can be very costly to replace.

### What's the lifespan of a pool/spa?

Of course, an in-ground pool is designed to be a permanent installation. The average lifespan of a spa or above-ground pool tends to be around 20 years.

However the smaller parts – such as gaskets, filter, pump, capacitors, etc. have varying lifespans. Used or refurbished equipment, while cheaper, will often

break down much more quickly than brand new. The exact time will depend on how well you maintain your water's alkalinity and pH level. Expect to replace each of these pieces every 1-6 years.

### What's the biggest mistake people make in pool/spa maintenance?

Not shocking regularly, says Kathy. Shocking is a weekly process of adding chlorine to sanitize your pool every week.

However, sometimes people forget to shock their pools. Perhaps they go on vacation, or they forget about their spa during the winter when they don't use it as much. This can lead to a buildup of algae.

Algae can be destructive to your plumbing, and very difficult to remove. You just can't do it with chemicals alone – you have to call in a professional. Dredging the algae out is a laborious process which may take several days to complete, depending on the severity.

### I can't decide... pool, or spa?

When choosing between the two, the biggest consideration is space. Some people just don't have enough room in their yard for a pool or large spa. Remember that you need plenty of walking room on the perimeter for walking, socializing, and maintenance. You may ask your retailer to do an assessment of your available space.

Spas usually have more flexibility in where they can be placed. If you have room, you can put them on a deck, in a sunroom, or even in your basement.

The next biggest consideration is how you intend to use it. If you want to use it for exercise, a pool will give you much more space. If you just want a place to relax a bit and explore water's therapeutic properties, go for the spa.

### Where can I get a pool/spa?

If you live in Huntington or Marion, you can visit your local Water World to ask for details. They offer curbside pickup, but they like it when you walk in, if only to say hi.

Otherwise, you can usually find retailers online and options at local home improvement retailers.



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A guide to ethical and lawful disposal while going about spring cleaning, renovating

Spring is here, and so is the tradition of seasonal cleaning. While you focus on the goal of adding things to improve your home, it's important to dispose of the old stuff in an ethical and lawful way. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that Americans generate approximately 254 million tons of trash annually, so it's important that recycling and disposal is done properly.

“When waste isn’t recycled, upcycled or composted, it ends up in landfills,” said Wabash County Solid Waste District director Jen Rankin. “We all need to be mindful of how we dispose of these items.”

To that end, Rankin offered the following tips to allow you to throw out or reuse, in a responsible manner, items that do not spark joy.

Take a look in your closet. Are there items residing there which haven't been worn in years? If so, it may be time to pare down.

But, Rankin said you should make sure you're not simply tossing these garments in the trash as textiles make up about 9 percent of materials in landfills.

Rankin said a viable option to this unfortunate outcome would be to donate unused apparel, turn it into rags or rugs, or use them as cleaning rags.

Rankin said any available alternatives to "landfilling textiles" would be preferable.



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Avid readers often accumulate endless stacks of books.

But, after an initial reading, how often are you going to re-examine that text, anyway?

"Books are another item with many reuse and recycling alternatives to landfilling," said Rankin.

Rankin said she recommended setting up a neighborhood or community book swap.

And if no one wants your used stacks?

“Recycle by removing the hardbacks and placing them in the recycling bins,” said Rankin.

Alternatively, Rankin said unwanted books make great homemade hidden safes for

If all else fails, Rankin said these can also be donated to a local thrift shop or homeless shelter.

Paints, chemicals and cleaners are dangerous and can build up over time due to their toxic natures.

But, when it's time to eliminate unneeded containers, Rankin said additional care was warranted.

"Don't flush or pour them out on the ground," said Rankin.

Rankin said to be sure to bring these sensitive materials to their local solid waste district or household hazardous waste (HHW) facility for disposal.

And if you're concerned

about the cost of getting rid of this category of refuse, don't be. Rankin said most programs across the state are free to residents.

A typical dumpster will only hold so much. Sometimes you need to make room in a major way.

If furniture or other larger items such as mattresses are part of your spring cleaning plans, donations would again be a great way to get rid of them without taking to the landfill.

Whatever you do, though, don't just leave these hefty units on the side of the road.

Rankin said you should dispose of these during local cleanup dates before finally landfilling them.

Rankin said electronics are "another problem item." Rankin said in Indiana there is a ban against placing electronics in the landfill.

Rankin said these devices are still working, donating or bringing these electronic devices to your local solid waste district for recycling are options.

A pair of cleanup days have been scheduled for early May in Wabash and North Manchester. Many communities have similar events planned through their county commissioners or city offices.

The city of Wabash will offer curbside spring clean-up from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7.

Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel.

Scheduled to coincide with these local cleanup dates, Rankin said Washash's Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and North Manchester's

would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15.

Rankin said the gates would close “promptly” at 1 p.m. on both days.

Rankin said they do not accept furniture, mattresses, construction debris or trash of any kind at these events. Rankin said they only accept HHW.

Rankin said they accept paints and chemicals including automotive fluids, tires, appliances, all electronic devices including TVs, any type of batteries and mercury devices such as fluorescent bulbs.

Rankin said if have trash, mattresses, furniture, construction debris it will need to go to the local landfill or placed in the city dumpster on their cleanup days.

For residents who live outside of city limits and have these items to dispose of, they will need to be taken to the local landfill.

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# Building a pandemic-approved space

Fire pits allow for socially distancing while adding options to backyard fun

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The backyard has never been a better escape from ailments than in today’s pandemic-swept world. COVID-19 has made large public gatherings virtually impossible, so the confines of one’s outdoor space acts as a safe haven. While there are several home-improvement options that people can add to their lists this year, installing a fire pit is the current hot commodity. From do-it-yourself projects to professionally installed hardscapes, there are plenty of ways to bring bonfires to your backyard.

While not everyone has the funds to use a landscaping company to build a professional fire pit, most chain retailer are stocked with many supplies and items needed to build one right at home.

“You can make it out of a lot of different material,” Max Hardware employee Eventt Norris, of Marion, said.

Norris said most hardware stores have stones, pavers and other materials people may need to build a fire pit.

If someone is on a budget and cannot afford to hire a professional contractor to install the pit, Norris said home improvement store experts can help out.

“We would have to ask you to bring some sort of ideas and plans to see what you need as far as supplies before we recommend what you are really using,” he said.

While fire pits can be installed as do-it-yourself projects, you have to make sure they meet building codes and adhere to other laws and regulations for your area.

Comfort Landscapes LLC owner Alan Beck, of Mari-



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on, has 18 years of experience installing hardscapes and outdoor designs. He said professionals can help make sure things are done correctly and quickly.

“We’ve definitely seen in the last 12 months an uptick in hardscape installations,” Beck said. “We’ve done a couple of fire pits, and we’re actually getting ready to do another one this spring.”

Professional landscapers can add fire pits to decks, yards and patios, he said, tailoring designs to customer’s wants and needs.

Besides permanent pits, Beck said many of his clients who are not sure how frequently they will use the fire pit will often have a portable roll-away pit installed.

The landscaping company has not had an overwhelming amount of fire pit requests, he said, but some orders were made on the assumption customers were going to be spending more time outside.

Other than formal paved stone fire pits, Beck revealed another alternative option Comfort Landscapes offers its customers.

“We actually in the past have done a couple of fire pits that are gas fire pits and have a gas line there because they [the customer] didn’t want to have to worry about logs and things,” Beck said.

For someone on a budget or just wanting a DIY fire pit, Beck provided suggestions to follow. First of all, find an area clear of brush and trees

that has great clearance from your house. Then, determine how large of a pit and area you need for seating. Lastly, determine the material to be burned, such as firewood, stone, or paper, and structural material to be put around it, often being stone.

“Fire pits can be as simple as putting a little bit of stone on the ground in the area of grass...so it doesn’t have to be super invasive into your time and materials, and even cost,” Beck said.

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# Protecting your foundation: Gutters play large role in protecting your investment

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Gutters are an important part of your house’s long term health and sustainability. When properly installed, they funnel the water off of your roof and away from your house. When not done correctly, they can damage the roof and foundations. “The downspouts channel the water away from your foundation and can help prevent issues with basements leaking and also protects your fascia boards as well,” said Brad Baugh from Kingdom Roofing. The fascia board is what the gutter is attached to and if that is damaged it can open up the inside of the roof and rafters to damage, he said.

Trees pose one of the biggest dangers to gutters, Baugh says. Leaves, sticks, and needles can clog up gutters and downspouts quickly unless you are careful. A gutter guard can do a lot to keep the gutters clean though, and with occasional cleaning the gutters should last a long time. “You’re not going to keep 100 percent of the debris out of your gutter, but when stuff gets in the gutter it should flow through, right down your downspouts, with the normal flow of water through the gutter,” said Fritz Reissner from Hallett Gutter Cover. Ice damming is another thing to look out for this season. As ice melts and refreezes in the spring, it can fill up the gutter and start to

get under the shingles and to the fascia if the gutters are clogged or blocked. Again, clear gutters is the best way to prevent this, experts say. Storms are another time potential hazard for gutters that homeowners need to watch out for. Sticks can get stuck in gutters and there could be granule loss from granules coming off of the shingles which may get stuck in a gutter guard. If you have old gutters, that is another potential source of problems. Some old gutters were made out of galvanized steel which will rust while modern aluminum ones will not. The rust can cause leaks and impair the water flow. While you can do some gutter cleaning, Reissner

and Baugh do not advise doing it yourself, but they say getting a professional to do it is important so you do not run any risk of getting up on a ladder or on the roof. Installation should also be done by professionals to get the best quality of work for the newest seamless gutters. “Most gutter contractors today will have a machine that they take with them to the site, and the machine will actually take our coil and form the gutters right on the spot” said Reissner. “So that with a seamless run you don’t have the opportunity for seeing splitting and creating an issue with waterflow. They’re much more stable, they’re much more sturdy, they’re much more dependable.”

## Power washing adds new life to weathered exteriors

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In the past year, cleaning up the curb appeal of a home has been at the forefront in the minds of many Americans. Oftentimes when organic growth appears on the outside of houses, homeowners jump to having a full paint job done on the exterior of the home. Although this is an option, it is not the most economic. Power-washing provides a more affordable way to spruce up the exterior of a home.

If a homeowner is interested in power-washing the exterior of a home, there are two options to completing the task: do-it-yourself or go professional. Jordan Taylor recently started his own power washing company in Marion, Indiana after receiving professional training. His company uses an effective approach:

“No one wants to leave the interior of their house dirty, so why would they leave the exterior of their house dirty,” Taylor said. The reason the exterior of houses begins to look dirty is due to organic growth- or algae, Taylor says, which can create more issues than a loss in curb appeal.

“Leaving this growth on the home for years causes the home to lose its brightness, energy, and the color of the home,” Taylor said. Organic growth can also eat away at protective layers and siding, causing rot and decay. Taylor said it’s important to do more than just remove the visible growth, they want to thoroughly clean every area of the exterior.

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you are only cleaning what can be seen,” Taylor said. In tandem with power-washing, Taylor uses a method called, ‘soft-washing.’ “Soft washing uses a chemical, we apply the chemical, let it dwell, and then it is rinsed off with a low-pressure hose,” Taylor said. This method allows the home to keep its color and vitality.

Along with sprucing up curb appeal, power-washing has another benefit. “Not everyone has the ability to go out and buy new homes, so this option allows owners to take pride in their house. Everyone should have that opportunity,” Taylor said.

The average price of having a professional power-washing job done in Grant County starts at a rate of \$199.

If one does not have an interest in hiring a professional power-washing company, they can purchase their own power washer from home-improvement stores.

Power washers at Lowe’s home improvement store in Marion, IN range from \$99-\$500. After buying a power washer, individuals have the opportunity of completing the task themselves.

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